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SUBJ: GOJ EFFORTS TO GAIN DIET RATIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

COVENANTS

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS FONOFF UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA NOTED THAT GOJ WAS MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO GAIN DIET RATIFICATION OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS DURING CURRENT SPRING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. IN PAST WEEKS, OKAWA HAD BEEN PERSONALLY MEETING WITH VARIOUS LDP DIET MEMBERS TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF COVENANTS. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, SOME CONCERN AMONG ELEMENTS OF LDP THAT LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 8 OF COVENANT OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS REFERRING TO FREEDOM OF ACTIVITY OF UNIONS MIGHT SOMEHOW PREJUDICE GOJ'S POSITION DENYING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RIGHT TO STRIKE AND FIREMEN THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. THERE WAS POSSIBILITY THAT TO REMOVE THIS STUMBLING BLOCK, GOJ WOULD MAKE SOME FORM OF RESERVATION ON THIS ISSUE AT TIME OF RATIFICATION. NOTING THAT US ACTIONS WOULD HAVE MAJOR EFFECT ON JAPANESE ATTITUDES, OKAWA REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CURRENT PROGRESS TOWARDS US RATIFICATION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE RESERVATIONS.

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2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FONOFF UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVDIR MAKOTO WATANABE TENDED TO CONFIRM SUGGESTION HEARD ELSEWHERE THAT GOJ'S SPECIAL LOBBYING EFFORTS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME WERE IN PART BASED ON DESIRE TO ACHIEVE RATIFICATION IN TIME FOR PM FUKUDA'S EXPECTED SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AS DEMONSTRATION OF JAPANESE SINCERITY AND COMMITMENT IN FIELD OF HUMAN

RIGHTS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON PROGRESS  
OF US RATIFICATION TO PASS TO FONOFF.

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